

Please adopt measures that would reduce migratory bird kills at communication towers. Considerable data exists that document the hazard of communication towers to birds. In Wisconsin, Dr. Charles Kemper documented 121,560 birds of 123 species being killed over a 38 year period.

To prevent bird deaths, communication towers should be collocated whenever possible and Environmental Assessments prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act should be required for proposed facilities that could have adverse effects on migratory birds. Environmental Assessments are of particular significance in sites where there would be cumulative impacts, such as known migratory pathways (e.g. the Gulf Coast). Medium intensity white strobe lights appear to be less hazardous to birds than red obstruction lights.

To prevent hazards to migratory birds during migration, please make official FCC policy the recommendations found at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/issues/towers/comtow.html> in the **Interim Guidelines For Recommendations On Communications Tower Siting, Construction, Operation, and Decommissioning** section.

Thank you,
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